[Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar.]

Due to scarcity of shipping space, the price of Burma rice rose and the Government therefore negotiated with the export agencies in such places like Bengal, Coorg and South India and finally succeeded in stocking some rice from Burma and South India as a measure of control of the price of rice.

Bridges in Trivandrum.

253. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the bridges within the City of Trivandrum over which heavy load traffic has been prohibited; and

(*b*) the dates from which such prohibtion was made?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) & (*b*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know why the information with regard to the Kaudiyar—Pattam road is not forthcoming?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is not forthcoming.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the condition of that bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is fit for light traffic.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Since it is now 14 years that the heavy loaded traffic on the Kannanmoola bridge has been prohibited, may I know whether the question of reconstructing that bridge has been considered by the Government?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is a proposal to divert the drainage channel. Until that is decided, the question of reconstructing the bridge will not be taken up.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know how long it will take for the Department to come to a conclusion?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I cannot say the exact period.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the member is aware that this particular bridge is in a very dangerous condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is fit for light traffic.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the authority that prohibited heavy traffic over the bridge on the Kaudiar-Pattam road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It must be the Chief Engineer in charge at the time.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether it was an oral or written order?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is stated in the answer that the exact date of prohibition is not available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: My question is whether it was an oral or written order.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I cannot trace the order now.

*Vide Appendix VI page 644.

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MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Is the order still in force?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Is a copy of the order available now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is not available.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJURISHNAN: May I know where that order exists?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is a notice board put up.

PRESIDENT: That, I suppose, is the order.

Prices of food stuffs.

254. * MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state what are the measures taken at present by them to control the prices of foodstuffs and to stop unlimited profiteering?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Division and Taluk Committees have been formed and there is a Central Board functioning in Trivandrum. With the aid of reports and weekly reviews of the prices prevailing in different centres of the State, Government have been periodically fixing the maximum prices for different varieties of imported rice based on the ruling market prices at Cochin.

Government have also stocked some rice which is available to the public for sale at reasonable rates. They are also keeping a careful watch over the situation which is well under control.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know where the rice is stocked?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: At Valiathurai.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the price?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: It was recently sold at Rs. 10 annas 2 per bag.

Bridge at Nalkalikal.

255. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether sanction has already been accorded and funds provided in the current year's budget for the construction of a bridge at Nalkalikal on the Pandalam-Aranmula road between the villages of Aranmula and Kidangannur in Aranmula pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) the steps hitherto taken for the construction of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work has already been started and the Land Acquisition proceedings are in progress.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the nature of the work so far done for the construction of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: All the reinforced concrete piles have been moulded.

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15. The security deposit made under this contract will be returnable to the contractor three months after the expiry of this contract and after the final settlement of account between the contractor and the Government. It shall however be open to Government to declare the security deposit or any portion thereof forfeited to Government in the event of any breach by the contractor of all or any of the terms and conditions of this contract and on his part to be observed and performed.

16. In the event of any breach by the contractor or by any of his agents of all or any of the terms and conditions of his contract it shall be competent for Government to cancel this contract and take possession of all the copies of the copy books in the possession of the contractor and his agents. The contractor shall in such case be entitled only to the cost of production of the books as estimated by the Superintendent, Government Press, subject to any reasonable penalty that the Government may impose. The Superintendent's decision on the cost of production shall be final. The cancellation of the contract under this clause shall not in any way prejudicially affect the right of Government to recover all loss and damages incurred by Government on account of the breach of contract by the contractor.

17. All sums found due to Government under this contract shall be recovered under the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act for the time being in force from the assets of the contractor as well as his guarantor if any.

18. In all matters relating to the interpretation of the terms of this contract or on the question whether there is a breach of the contract by the contractor the decision of the Government shall be accepted as final.

Appendix VI.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 253.**

Bridges in Trivandrum over which heavy load traffic is prohibited.

	Name of bridge.	*Date of prohibition.*
1.	Bridge over Kowdiyar-Pattam road ...	Not known.
2.	Goureesapattom bridge in 1/6 on the road from Ophthalmic Hospital to Pattam road, 2nd section ...	12-5-1116.
3.	Iron Bridge in 1/8 of the road from Pattam bridge to Kannanmoolai Bridge ...	do.
4.	Kannanmoolai Bridge ...	1928.

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